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SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, NW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation

WT Docket No. 16-319, Bresnan Communications, LLC, Request for Waiver

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 26, 2017, I spoke by telephone with Roger Noel, Chief of the Mobility Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and on January 27, 2017, I spoke by telephone with Rachael Bender, Acting Wireless Advisor to Chairman Pai, in both cases regarding the above-referenced matter.

In both conversations, I urged the Commission to act quickly to dismiss the Application for Review ("AFR") submitted by the Rural Wireless Association, Inc. ("RWA") in this proceeding. I noted that the AFR is without merit and merely reiterates arguments correctly rejected by the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. I stated that finality in this proceeding is critical because T-Mobile has already begun to expend significant resources to meet the aggressive performance requirements established by the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau in its December 21, 2016 letter decision, delivering much needed competition for wireless services to rural areas in Montana.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed for inclusion in the above-referenced docket and a copy of this letter has been sent to Mr. Noel and Ms. Bender. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Steve B. Sharkey

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